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**VCIC NAMES NEW OFFICERS AND MEMBERS FOR
STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS & TIDEWATER CHAPTER**

Richmond, VA – Lisa M. Hicks-Thomas has been named chair of the State Board of Directors for the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities (VCIC). She is Deputy General Counsel at Dominion Energy and formerly served as Virginia’s Secretary of Administration from 2010 – 2014.

Lisa is joined as an officer by Vice Chair Hadeel M. Abouhasira (Williams Mullen), Secretary Ashby C. Kilgore (Newport News Public Schools, retired), and Treasurer Joycelyn Spight Roache (Old Point National Bank).

Vivian M. Oden (Hampton Roads Community Foundation) joins VCIC’s State Board of Directors as a representative from the Tidewater area.

Additionally, VCIC’s Tidewater Chapter has named Sara Jo Rubin (Rubin Communications Group) as Chair. Other Tidewater Chapter officers are Vice Chair Melvin T. Blackwell (Little Zion Baptist Church) and Secretary Robin A. Mancoll (United Jewish Federation of Tidewater).

New Tidewater Chapter members are Natalie Allen (Virginia Beach City Public Schools), Valerie K. Brown (The Mount Global Fellowship of Churches), Esther M. Diskin (Norfolk Academy), Christopher S. Garran (Cape Henry Collegiate), Rilley Alvin V. Ramos (Wall, Einhorn & Chernitzer, P.C.), Yuanjun E. Song (Community Volunteer), and Cole Werkheiser (Pembroke Realty Group).

Photos and bios are available upon request.

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